SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 573

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Lynn Elkins on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Elkins is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as Director of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Morristown and who began a much deserved retirement on January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, she is a native of Tennessee who graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration and later received a Master's Degree in Organizational Management; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lynn Elkins has faithfully served the Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Morristown since 1968 and as Director since 1991; and

WHEREAS, she began her career in the Tennessee Board of Regents System at the Morristown State Area Vocational-Technical School, which is now known as the Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Morristown, as a basic skills instructor, and then taught the Office Occupations program for 20 years prior to becoming director; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in establishing satellite facilities in Tazewell,

Greeneville, and Sevierville to meet the growing need in outlying areas by creating relationships
and partnerships with area hospitals, school systems, and industries; and

WHEREAS, she has served in numerous leadership roles with the Tennessee Board of Regents, including the Directors' Executive Sub-Council, Chair of Directors Sub-Council, Chair of the Industrial Electricity and Industrial Maintenance Curriculum Committees, and many others; and

WHEREAS, she has been very active in the community, serving on numerous committees and boards, including the Workforce Investment Board, Encore Theatrical Company Board of Trustees, Lakeway Area Workforce Development Initiative Board, Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Chair of Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, and Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce Industrial Board Advisory Committee, Morristown Utility Systems Board of Directors, Lakeway Regional Hospital Advisory Board, Regions Bank Board of Directors, regional and local P-16 Councils, and is a long-time member of American Technical Education Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Lynn Elkins demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of Hamblen County and the State of Tennessee; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, that we extend to Lynn Elkins our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.